



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

Date: April 25, 2007
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Wence Edwards
Court File No.:

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the initial authorization to submit all current and ongoing bills relating to no-fault claimant Wence Edwards directly to the city finance officer for payment following review and signature by the city attorney's designee pursuant to City Ordinance **ARTICLE XIII. NO-FAULT CLAIMS §16.1120.**

Previous Directives:

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Presenter in Committee: Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

Financial Impact:(Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
 Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
 Other financial impact (Explain): Payment from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 4000
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information:

This matter and subsequent No-Fault claim by Wence Edwards arise out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on August 25, 2006. At that time and place, Wence Edwards was riding in the rear seat of an unmarked police vehicle when it was rear-ended by another vehicle at a red stop light. Mr. Edwards is uninsured by any other policy and is therefore eligible for No-Fault benefits through the City of Minneapolis. Mr. Edwards is represented by counsel and has completed a No-Fault Application for Benefits as well as an Affidavit of No Insurance. He claims to have sustained injuries to his head, neck, back and shoulder. He has sought care for his injuries and has incurred bills of three to four thousand dollars as of March 23, 2007. Treatment has been rendered at St. Joseph's Hospital and Back to Wellness Chiropractic. His current treatment appears to be focused on his neck and low back strains.

Pursuant to the above-referenced ordinance, the city attorney or the city attorney's designee shall appear before the standing committee on ways and means/budget to request initial authorization to submit all current and ongoing bills relating to a particular no-fault claimant directly to the city finance officer for payment. Upon such authorization being granted by the city council, such bills shall be promptly paid by the city finance officer upon receipt of the bills, bearing the signature of the city attorney or the city attorney's designee.

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